

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 1999-419-C - ORDER NO. 1999-768  
OCTOBER 27, 1999

IN RE: Application of New Edge Network, Inc. DBA ) ORDER ✓ *MR*  
New Edge Networks for a Certificate of ) DENYING  
Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide ) MOTION  
Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange )  
and Intrastate Interexchange )  
Telecommunications Services throughout the )  
State of South Carolina. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of New Edge Network, Inc. DBA New Edge Networks (New Edge or the Company) to treat its financial statements as confidential materials for filing purposes. The Company states that neither it nor its parent company, are publicly traded, and it is not otherwise required to file financial statements. New Edge states a belief that it and its parent company will be placed at a competitive disadvantage if it is required to publish this financial information.

Although we understand the reasoning behind New Edge's Motion, we must deny it. We believe that any Company that is requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide telecommunications services as a public utility in South Carolina should be subject to public scrutiny. Except for very rare instances, all of this Commission's proceedings are public, and the public is given a full right to participate,

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including, if necessary, the right to examine documents. Because of the public nature of the Commission's work, we must deny the Motion.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

(SEAL)